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LOK SABHA

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FISHING FACILITIES IN LAKSHADWEEP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has allocated sufficient funds to create a fleet of boats and few mother vessels with cold storage facility to take the fish from Lakshadweep to main land for marketing and export;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to consider construction of Berthing platform for fishermen in the three reefs of Cheriyapani, Baliyapani and Perumula par which was an idea approved by the Ministry in the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to culture bait fish needed for tuna fishing in Islands in view of increasing demand and decreasing availability;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether there is any proposal to set up an ornamental fisheries unit which has immense export potential;

(h) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(i) the steps being taken by the Government to enhance fish landing centers in Lakshadweep?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The Central Government has not received any such proposal from UT of Lakshadweep.

(c): The UT Administration has not submitted any such proposal.

(d): Does not arise.

(e)&(f): In order to assist the Department of Fisheries, UT of Lakshadweep on technology transfer, infrastructure development and know-how for culture of live fish baits, the Minicoy Unit of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Cochin has initiated efforts on the culture of a few species of live fish bait.

(g)&(h): An experimental ornamental fish hatchery is being set up by the Lakshadweep Development Corporation Limited (LDCL) at Agatti Island for this purpose.

(i): To enhance fish landing in Lakshadweep Islands, the Department of Fisheries, UT of Lakshadweep has already installed a few Fish Aggregation Devices in various islands. Diesel, engine spare parts, etc. are being procured from main land and supplied to the fishermen on cost. The Administration has constructed fish landing centers inside the lagoons of Agatti, Minicoy and Kavaratti Islands.